

Readings at Mass for Pentecost (Year B)

FIRST READING

ACTS 2.1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came 'round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely,' they said, 'all these men speaking are Galilæans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judæa and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya 'round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 103.1, 24, 29-31, 34; R. Cf. v. 30

R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are.

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

GALATIANS 5.16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit, you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit - the Spirit is totally against such a thing - and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch

you. When self-indulgence is at work, the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no laws against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **R.**

GOSPEL

JOHN 15.26-27; 16.12-15

Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be my witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you, but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself, but will say only what he has learnt, and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: *All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.*'

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

The mystery of Faith.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son
Endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**



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